

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT : Exemptions from Physical Examinations for Religious Reasons

REFERENCE: Memorandum to DCI, from A-DD/A, dated 12 December 1953, subject as above.

1. Referenced memorandum recommended the adoption of a firm Agency policy to decline to grant waivers from the medical examination requirements of the Agency when requested by individuals on the basis that such examinations are incompatible with their religious beliefs.

2. The Executive Assistant to the Director advised on 4 January 1954 that the Director will not approve this policy on the exclusive basis of religious convictions. The DCI, however, supports the normal policies of the Government and of this Agency to insure that individuals meet the physical standards of the Government which will qualify them for employment or such other standards as are deemed essential to specific positions or assignments.

3. It is apparent from the above that waivers to medical examinations should not be granted and that any exceptions to this policy will have to be made by the Director.

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